

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A method of communicating with a plurality of print recording material reservoirs equipped with memory devices, wherein the print recording material reservoirs are detachably mounted on a printer, and wherein terminals of the memory devices are always connected to terminals of the printer when the print recording material reservoirs are mounted on the printer, the method comprising:

 determining whether all of the plurality of print recording material reservoirs are attached; and

 when all of the plurality of print recording material reservoirs are determined to be attached, determining whether communication is possible with each of the memory devices via signal lines, the determining whether communication is possible being accomplished when the plurality of print recording material reservoirs has been moved to a position in which the print recording material reservoirs cannot be removed.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A method in accordance with claim 4, further comprising:

 identifying a print recording material reservoir in which a communication malfunction has developed, when determining that communication is not possible with any one of the memory devices.

Claim 6 (Canceled).